

# NAVY EXPERT BACKS I-TERROR CLAIMS



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A FORMER TOP British naval officer says he believes an Irish family's claims that they are being hounded by an M15-backed campaign of terror.

Commander Robert Green - who helped direct the Falklands War - says the allegations by Gordon and Patsy Dale should be taken seriously.

The couple claim they have endured death threats, burglaries and assaults since taking legal action against the British Ministry of Defence.

Mrs Dale is suing the MoD on behalf of her son Stephen (22) who was born with brain damage.

She believes the defects were caused when his father, Danny Davis, was exposed to radiation while serving on a British nuclear submarine.

### Campaign

Cmdr Green, a former fleet intelligence officer in the 1982 Falklands campaign and now an anti-nuclear campaigner, told *The Star* yesterday: "There has been a well-orchestrated campaign of intimidation against her to drop her case."

"She was forced out of Britain but the threats have continued.

*"These threats are being carried out, I believe, by a freelance agent on behalf of British intelligence."*

Mrs Dale, who now lives in Lifford, Ennis, Co Clare, with her second husband Gordon, says that in the past three weeks:

- Her house in Ennis was ransacked three times;
- Research papers she had compiled were stolen - and then mysteriously

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returned;

- Four death threats were pushed through the letterbox.

She was also assaulted twice last year and had a gun pointed to her face by an unidentified man in Ennis, she says.

Stephen Dale was born with a harelip and cleft palate after his father was exposed to nuclear radiation at Rosyth naval yard in Scotland in 1971.

*Cmdr Green says there was a horrifying lapse in safety procedures. Five other navy men were contaminated but were afraid to come forward.*

In 1984, Cmdr Green's aunt, peace-campaigner Hilda Murrell, was murdered 14 days before she was due to give evidence at a public inquiry into the Sizewell nuclear power plant in Suffolk, England.

He believes the killing was carried out by agents on behalf of the British nuclear industry - and that it may be linked to the threats against Mrs Dale.